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SUBJECT: CCINC CUSTOMS TRAINING

FROM COLE TO CHIEF OF PARTY, U.S. CUSTOMS ADVISORY TEAM

1. TRAINING FOR LAOTIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 3, 1974. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS WILL CONTAIN THE PROGRAM ORIGINALLY OUTLINED TO THE LAOTIAN DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

2. THE LAST WEEK WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR PORT DIRECTOR PERSONNEL IF THIS IS DESIRED. BEING AWARE OF THE STATUS PROBLEMS THAT ARE INVOLVED, WE BELIEVE THAT A ONE-WEEK INSTRUCTOR TRAINING CLASS FOR A GROUP OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE FIRST CLASS WOULD BE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE.

3. ARE INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE U.S. MISSION OR THROUGH LOCAL CONTRACT PERSONNEL? THREE WOULD BE NEEDED.

4. CAN THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT PAY PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR PARTICIPANTS?

5. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF SPECIAL AGENT REX B. ALLEN, FORMERLY DETAILED TO LAOS SHOULD BE HELD IN LAOS RATHER THAN RETURNED
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TO U.S. S.A. ALLEN WILL BE TEAM MEMBER OF CCINC TRAINING

TEAM IN LAOS AS PER PARAGRAPH 1, THIS CABLE.

6. EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE IS REQUIRED FOR TIMELY
SCHEDULING OF TRAINING TEAM. KISSINGER

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